



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHRISTMAS SEALS MONTH
DECEMBER 2009

WHEREAS, for over a century, Christmas Seals have helped raise funding and awareness for the American Lung Association and its mission to save lives by preventing lung disease and promoting lung health; and


WHEREAS, each year, millions of Americans make generous financial gifts to the American Lung Association Christmas Seals Campaign and send cards and packages with the organization's decorative holiday seal; and

WHEREAS, the Christmas Seals tradition began in 1907 to combat tuberculosis and continues in 2009 to fight against lung cancer, childhood asthma, secondhand smoke, air pollution and influenza; and

WHEREAS, in 1909, the American Lung Association of North Dakota was founded as the North Dakota Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and over the past 100 years, thousands of volunteers have worked to support healthy lungs and healthy air in our state; and

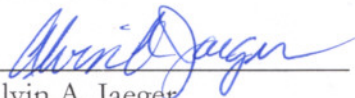
WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to support the American Lung Association's life saving work through the Christmas Seals Campaign and recognize the American Lung Association of North Dakota on 100 years of service to our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim December 2009, **CHRISTMAS SEALS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State